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4-H FOREIGN RELIEF CONTRIBUTIONS

TWO-YEAR POSTWAR PERIOD

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Sharing with those in distress across the seas is an important 4-H activity. Those who send food and clothing and seeds are at the same time planting the seeds of democracy and freedom and peace on earth.

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## PART I

### WHAT 4-H CLUBS HAVE DONE

#### TWO-YEAR POSTWAR PERIOD

These are crucial times. Our leaders are doing their best to bring about peace and understanding throughout the world, but they need the help of every one of us. What we do is important. Every effort counts. Millions are homeless and some are living in holes in the ground, cellars, or camps, with no security, no medical attention or any love or care. The urgent, immediate need is relief.

The following progress report is indicative of what can be done. It indicates that well over two hundred thousand dollars in gifts alone has been contributed by 4-H Club members in addition to the food produced and conserved in order that more food may be available for those in need. It indicates that 4-H members are cooperating closely with local relief organizations. It indicates too, increasing awareness on the part of both 4-H members and leaders of the suffering throughout the world from hunger, malnutrition, and lack of adequate shelter and clothing. It indicates how 4-H members through their food production, food conservation, generous gifts, and friendly letters, are helping to establish closer ties with the peoples of many lands--thus helping to build world peace.

#### SUMMARY OF FOOD PRODUCED AND CONSERVED

The major contributions of 4-H Club members to foreign relief are in food production and conservation.

In order to make more food available for those in distress in the years 1946 and 1947, 4-H Club members produced and conserved:

Garden products .....	250,000 acres
Poultry products .....	18,000,000 birds
Livestock .....	1,450,000 head
Food crops .....	850,000 acres
Food products:	
Canned .....	72,000,000 quarts
Brined .....	560,000 gallons
Dried or cured .....	7,000,000 pounds
Stored or frozen .....	18,000,000 pounds

This commendable showing demonstrates the significance of accumulative effort, characteristic of all 4-H Club work.



OTHER 4-H ACTIVITIES RELATIVE TO FOOD PRODUCTION  
AND CONSERVATION

A considerable amount of work also has been done by 4-H Club members in:

1. Saving grain by feeding livestock wisely and avoiding waste.
2. Saving grain by destroying rats.
3. Saving food by controlling pantry pests.
4. Saving food by preserving surplus and avoiding waste through proper use and storage.

SUMMARY OF 4-H RELIEF COLLECTIONS

1. MONEY COLLECTED

As has been noted, relief collections made by 4-H Club members have amounted in value to more than two hundred thousand dollars.

The first significant cash contribution was that of \$3,325.46 collected from 4-H Clubs throughout the country. This amount was contributed to the Czechoslovakian Chief Feeding Project for the benefit of boys and girls of the same age as those of the 4-H Clubs. There is on file a letter of appreciation from the Hon. Herbert H. Lehman, Director General of the UNNRA, dated February 19, 1946.

Although no accurate record of money collected has been kept, some outstanding reports have been received. Recently, in Iowa, almost \$10,000 was collected for garden seeds to be sent to various European countries. A similar campaign was under way in Michigan during the 1948 National 4-H Club Week. During that same week, the 4-H members of Washington put on a very successful 4-H drive called "Pennies for Peace."

In Minnesota, New Mexico, South Dakota, Vermont, and Connecticut, relatively large amounts of money were also collected for garden seeds. In Connecticut alone, the college 4-H Club collected over \$800 for garden seeds in 1947. In New York State, over \$700 was recently collected for garden tools.

In South Carolina, over \$4,500 was collected for various relief purposes. In Georgia, over \$2,000 was recently reported. Considerable money has also been collected in Alabama, Louisiana, New Mexico, and Vermont. In a number of other States, 4-H members have been making commendable contributions, but there have been no definite reports of results attained.



## 2. FOOD COLLECTED

### CARE

Over 1,500 for CARE packages has been received at the Washington office of CARE from 4-H members. Many more CARE packages have been sent through other offices. During the 1947 National 4-H Club Congress, \$662.04 was collected by the 1,200 Club delegates in less than 20 minutes. This amount was sent by Miss Mary J. Elder, of Dana, Indiana, to Mrs. Beatrice B. Schalet, Director of CARE, Washington, D. C. Mrs. Schalet in reply, wrote:

"Actually, the arrival of your letter was a very bright spot here for it was one of the finest we received, and we still display it as exhibit A in evidence of typical American thoughtfulness and generosity toward our world problems. We designated the entire amount of \$662.04 toward the Austrian Christmas Fund and it was immediately cabled accordingly. The Austrian Christmas Fund was the result of a moving appeal from Gen. Geoffrey Keyes, High Commissioner of the United States Forces in Austria. Ordinarily, an amount of this size would have been diversified, but the situation in Austria was so acute that we felt it would accomplish the most good in that desperate country."

As another example of the ready response of 4-H members to the needs of those in distress was the collection of \$300 for CARE packages by the Maryland State 4-H Council at a recent meeting. In a number of counties, every 4-H Club has sent at least one CARE package.

### Other Food Packages

Food packages have been sent from many States by 4-H Club members. The 4-H Club girls of Florida sent 800 cans of citrus fruit spread to Miss Presentacion Atienza, in charge of home demonstration work in the Philippines. They also sent quantities of other food packages to the Philippines and to England and France.

In Georgia, 4-H members have sent nearly 15,000 cans of fruits and vegetables.

Among other States sending large quantities of food packages are South Carolina, Vermont, Arkansas, Michigan, Nebraska, New Mexico, Tennessee, and Minnesota.

The 4-H members of several States cooperated in the collection of food for the "Food for Freedom" trains. Among these were Connecticut and New York. In several States, as in Kansas, wheat in large quantities was sent. In Jefferson County, W. Va., 4-H Club members collected and sent three carloads of wheat immediately after the Emergency Relief Program was announced.



In a number of States, including Ohio, Oregon, and Kansas, 4-H members have contributed much in the sending of dairy animals to European countries. In Mississippi, 4-H members sent 8 dairy animals to Greece and aided in the collection of funds for the purpose of many more.

It should be pointed out that the reports of food sent are only indicative of the probable large amounts of food contributed by 4-H members to local relief organizations for shipment abroad.

### 3. VEGETABLE SEED COLLECTED

The report of the collection of seed packages for vegetable gardens abroad is included in the report of money collected on page 3. This project is meeting with an enthusiastic response from 4-H members everywhere. For example, in Tolland County, Connecticut, 4-H members collected over \$200 for enough seeds to raise 365 tons of vegetables. All seeds were sent direct to German youth between the ages of 10 and 21. As a result of this interest, 4-H members are now corresponding with over 200 European youth. This is an unusually fine showing for so small a county.

A letter of acknowledgement regarding the seeds sent to Germany by the Connecticut 4-H College Club follows:

HEADQUARTERS  
OFFICE OF MILITARY GOVERNMENT FOR BREMEN  
Bremen, Germany APO 751 US Army

TFD/WHM/as  
15 September 1947

SUBJECT: Donation of Seeds.

TO: Mr. Gordon Taylor  
Fordham Manor  
Willimantic, Connecticut

1. On behalf of the Office of Military Government I wish to express my appreciation of the 20 crates of vegetable seeds which you donated in behalf of the German Youth Activities Program.

2. All of the seeds were distributed to the various German Youth Organizations in Land Bremen by the "Amt fur Jugendpflege" which has direct supervision of all youth groups and could insure that the seeds were distributed on an equitable basis.

3. Attached herewith also are a few "letters of appreciation" from various youth organizations in further appreciation of your kindness and generosity.



4. German Youth today constitutes a group which, if we can guide them toward the assimilation of democratic ideals, will contribute in great measure to the success of our occupational mission, which is to bring Germany to a democratic way of life and enable her to take her place in the Family of Nations.

5. Your generous donation will contribute to the success of our mission.

THOMAS F. DUNN  
US. Civ.  
Director

#### 4. GARDEN TOOLS SENT

Reports indicate that some States are urging the sending of garden tools. As has already been noted, garden tools costing \$700 were recently sent by New York State 4-H members to Mr. Albert Hoefer, State club leader, who is now organizing garden clubs in Germany. Collections are still under way.

#### 5. GIFT PACKAGES SENT

In all States, for some time, 4-H members have been sending gift packages to those in need. Encouraging reports have recently been received from New York, Georgia, Minnesota, and Oregon. Reports indicate also, that the 4-H members of Montana and Illinois have each sent over 1,500 boxes, while 4-H members of Louisiana, Massachusetts, Michigan, South Carolina, and Vermont have sent over 3,000 such gift boxes. In several of these States, 4-H Clubs have contributed to the support of certain families with whom they have corresponded. In Georgia and Louisiana, hundreds of 4-H members collected and dressed dolls for shipment abroad.

#### 6. CLOTHING SENT

No definite figures are available on the quantity of clothing collected and sent by 4-H members, but reports indicate that it has been a sizable amount. Much of interest has been reported by a number of State club leaders. A large amount of clothing was collected by the 4-H Club girls of Florida and sent to the Philippines. According to State reports, 4-H members of Georgia sent nearly 8,000 pounds of clothing; those of Massachusetts sent approximately 5,000 pounds; those of South Carolina sent about 1,000 pounds; while those in Connecticut included the sending of a large number of half soles for shoes sorely needed in Germany. Other States reporting 4-H clothing collections include Alabama, Kansas, Ohio, and Tennessee. In New York State, in Suffolk County alone, 4-H members collected and sent over 1,700 garments. Similar reports have been received from hundreds of counties throughout the country.



## 7. CONCLUSION

As was pointed out in the beginning, the 4-H reports of relief work done already indicate the increasing awareness of 4-H members and their leaders of the dire needs that exist among the people of war-torn countries. These reports also indicate the marked increase in the 4-H relief activities in the last few months. This increase, it is believed, is due largely to the recent, more clearly defined procedures of such organizations as CARE and ASTA (seed packages to Europe). It should be pointed out also, that in many States not mentioned in this report, excellent relief work through the 4-H Clubs has been under way. Opportunity will be provided soon for a more complete report to be given at the 1948 National 4-H Club Camp in June. However, it is hoped that this report, although incomplete, may serve a useful purpose in suggesting the many worth-while relief activities in which 4-H members may engage.

## PART II

### WHAT 4-H CLUBS CAN DO NOW

#### A TIMELY 4-H GOOD NEIGHBOR PLEDGE

In order to be a better world neighbor and friend to all, I, as a 4-H member will:

1. Try to learn more about the homes of those in distress across the seas.
2. Help to relieve the hunger and suffering in these homes by sending clothing, food, and other supplies, through reliable authorized agencies.
3. Conserve food, avoid waste, produce more.
4. Send friendly letters of cheer to those abroad who are in need.
5. Make friends with the foreign-born who have come to my own community.
6. Seek more of the actual facts about world affairs that are of concern to our Nation.
7. Encourage good will toward the other nations of the world.



### A TIMELY 4-H PRAYER

Give us grateful hearts, our Father, for all thy blessings; help us to be more worthy members in our own homes and more responsible citizens in our communities; make us mindful of those in need; give us strength to do our full part; relieve the suffering of the world; and grant peace in our time. Amen.

### FOOD IS URGENTLY NEEDED

It is important that the 4-H Clubs of the United States do their full part in relieving the suffering of the world and in working toward world peace.

The 4-H Clubs can:

1. Grow more and larger freedom gardens; raise more other food in order to make more food available for those in distress.
2. Cooperate in the feed-saving program.
3. Aid in rodent and insect control.
4. Conserve food by preserving the surplus.
5. Avoid waste through proper use and storage of food.
6. Send packages of food to those in distress.
7. Send packages of nonedible vegetable seeds.
8. Send small garden tools.

FACT SHEETS on the growing and conserving of food and feed can be obtained from the United States Department of Agriculture and the State colleges of agriculture.

### CARE

It is suggested that food and clothing be sent to friends and others in need through CARE (Cooperative for American Remittances to Europe, Inc.). It offers an efficient, personalized service, with a minimum of delay and a receipt or report back to the donor on every delivery, or failing this, money will be returned.



It will keep a record of 4-H members contributing. It has many lists of individual families to whom gifts may be sent.

Recommended address:

Mrs. Beatrice Schalet  
Director of CARE  
Room 319  
Dupont Circle Building  
Washington 6, D. C.

The Washington office of CARE will keep a record of all 4-H Club packages sent if labeled "4-H Club." This office will supply you with information material.

#### SUGGESTIONS REGARDING INDIVIDUAL COLLECTIONS OF FOOD

If food is collected and sent individually:

1. Put food in tin containers.
2. Make a complete list of the foods included.
3. Do not send soap in food packages.
4. Put an envelope with your address, along with a sheet of correspondence paper and a pencil in the package
5. Be sure that the weight and dimensions of the box containing the food are in accordance with Post Office regulations.
6. Wrap all the tin containers in a piece of cloth which is securely stitched.
7. Then place in box of recommended dimensions and wrap securely in strong wrapping paper.
8. Put your address also on the outside of package.
9. Secure labels from the Post Office to be placed on the outside of the package.
10. Also label package "A free, unsolicited package", thereby insuring that it will be free of duty.



VEGETABLE SEED IS URGENTLY NEEDED

A large quantity of nonedible vegetable seed has been sent to European countries by 4-H members. The response to this need by 4-H members has been outstanding. Now is an opportune time to begin collecting money for vegetable seed for the growing of 1949 gardens abroad. The ASTA (American Seed Trade Association) will see to it that the money collected is used to buy garden seeds for the various European countries. Contacts should be made with the county extension agent for detailed information. Circulars containing instructions for the purchase of seeds may also be obtained from:

National Garden Bureau  
407 South Dearborn Street  
Chicago 5, Ill.

Arrangements have been made by the American Seed Trade Association (ASTA) to have reputable dealers furnish packets of a number of varieties of garden seeds adapted to the northern and southern European countries. The distribution will then be made through World Church Service, Inc., in centers already set up to distribute food, clothing, and other necessities. Where seeds are packaged, a card will be enclosed giving the name of the 4-H Club and the name and address of the president of the club. In this way, the family may know who provided the money to buy the seeds for them. State-wide drives have already been conducted in Iowa, Minnesota, and Michigan.

However, any 4-H Club can purchase from the local seed store a packet of seed costing \$3.95, which will be sent by the seed store to any European country designated, through the proper channels.

SMALL GARDEN TOOLS ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

Now is an opportune time also to start to make plans to send garden tools for use during the 1949 garden season in the devastated countries. Mr. Albert Hoefer, New York State club leader, now organizing garden clubs in Germany, writes: "We need hand tools of many kind--rakes, hoes, trowels, etc." Already the 4-H Clubs of New York State have sent garden tools costing \$700 to Mr. Hoefer in Germany.

All such tools should be sent through:

Mr. Arthur Joyce, Executive Secretary  
Council of Relief Agencies for Operation  
in Germany  
122 East Twenty-Second Street  
New York City



CLOTHING IS URGENTLY NEEDED

Thousands and thousands of boys and girls are unable to go to school because of lack of adequate clothing.

1. Collect clothing.
2. Publicize clothing needs and procedures to be followed in shipment of clothing.
3. See that it is clean and "wearable."
4. Send such needed articles as needles, thread, knitting and darning wool.
5. Send such needed articles as mittens, stockings, underwear, and shoes.
6. See that all boxes are properly packed and labeled. Refer to directions under "Suggestions Regarding Individual Collections of Food", page 9.
7. Send contributions of money for clothing to CARE. This organization will send needed clothing for you.

HOUSEHOLD ARTICLES ARE URGENTLY NEEDED

Prepare and send gift packages containing such articles as--

1. Soap.
2. Tooth paste.
3. Toothbrushes.
4. Combs.
5. Pins.
6. Needles.
7. Thread, yard.
8. Small tools-- knife, nails, and scissors.
9. Pencils.
10. Notebooks.



RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT IS NEEDED

Every 4-H Club member can collect and repair recreational equipment to be sent abroad. Games, dolls, and other toys are much appreciated. Aim to send what any boy or girl naturally enjoys. See that the equipment sent is clean and attractive. Paint often gives articles a new look.

A SUGGESTED PACKAGE FOR A FRIEND ABROAD

Dried powdered milk.

Bouillon cubes.

Vitamin tablets(cod-liver oil, etc.).

A toothbrush.

A comb.

Tooth paste.

Dried fruits.

Dried soups.

Dried foods.

Children's garments, warm ones in particular.

Package of needles.

Thread for mending for mother.

A game-- a toy.

Be sure to enclose an envelope with your address and also a sheet of correspondence paper and pencil.



### REMINDERS FOR PACKAGING

1. See that all packages are sent through reliable, authorized agencies.
2. Put food in tin containers.
3. Wrap whole package carefully in piece of cloth, then sew with strong thread and wrap in heavy paper.
4. See that the weight and dimensions of packages are in keeping with postal regulations.
5. Label with such information as "A free, unsolicited gift" or "Used clothing" in order to avoid having the receiver pay duty on the gift.
6. Address carefully along with your return address.
7. Fill out carefully the labels provided by the Post Office to be placed on outside of package.

### ANOTHER IDEA-- PACK A PURSE FOR RELIEF

Collect purses that have been used but are in relatively good condition. The steps of procedure include:

1. Repair and make as attractive as possible.
2. Stuff with thread, needles, scissors, pencils, soap, buttons, lipstick, tube of hand cream, toothbrush, tooth powder, stockings, socks, underwear, pins, compacts, safety pins, combs, thimbles, ribbon, shoelaces, and other such objects.
3. Mail to CHURCH WORLD SERVICE CENTER, NEW WINDSOR, MARYLAND; put your name and address inside purse; it will be sent overseas unopened.
4. Tell others about this plan.

This is one way of sending supplies abroad in containers that will be as welcome as the contents. All purses are packed in large wooden boxes for shipment. Distribution overseas is handled by the local churches there, and donations are distributed solely on the basis of need.



### SPECIAL 4-H DRIVES

In several States recently, there have been successful 4-H drives to raise money, to collect clothing or food, or to send seeds or garden equipment abroad. In Iowa, a "Good-Will Garden Seed" drive was very successful as reported by Mr. Paul Taff, State club leader. Mr. A. G. Kettunen, State club leader of Michigan, reported a successful garden seed drive during the 1948 National 4-H Club Week. In Washington, Mr. Charles T. Meenach reported that during the 1948 National 4-H Club Week, 4-H members participated in a "Pennies for Peace" drive in which 4-H members contributed a penny for each year of their lives. In New York State, 4-H members are engaged in a garden tool drive for garden club members in Germany who are under the supervision of Mr. Albert Hoefer, New York State club leader. Any of these leaders will be glad to furnish details regarding the procedures followed.

### EXCHANGE OF CORRESPONDENCE

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Letters and exchanges of literature and ideas are effective ways of winning friends and developing a better understanding. Every effort should be made to start corresponding with the recipients of the CARE boxes and other boxes sent. Correspondence can also be developed through friends living abroad and by cooperating with our 4-H leaders in foreign countries.

Mr. Kenneth Ingwalson  
O M G B, Chief, Ag. and For. Br.  
APO 407, c/o Postmaster  
New York, N. Y.

### YOUTH HELPS YOUTH

Major Clifford Townsend, Assistant Adjutant General of the U. S. Headquarters European Command, has sent an appeal to all national youth-serving agencies for assistance on a youth project which is being undertaken in connection with the U. S. Army Program of Assistance to German Youth. The primary mission of this program is to provide positive assistance in the form of personnel, materials, and facilities, whenever possible, to all German youth. The program has a long range objective of inculcating democratic principles and ideals into the minds of these youth and a short range objective of reducing postwar juvenile delinquency. A part of this program is to bring groups of American youth into contact with similar groups of German youth by means of correspondence and possibly gifts.

Because of the many requests received here for the names of European groups with which 4-H Clubs may correspond, it is believed that all State club leaders will welcome this opportunity for the exchange of correspondence and gifts.



If interested, it is requested that there be sent a list of 4-H Clubs with the following information regarding each club:

1. Name and group and location.
2. Name of group sponsor or leader and the address.
3. Average age of group.
4. Interests of the group.
5. Composition of group as to sex, major activities, etc.

This is an official Army project and extensive plans are being made to insure its success, particularly in furthering the democratic aims of the American people in their occupation of Germany. All lists of 4-H Clubs along with the requested information should be sent to:

Commander-in-Chief,  
European Command, A P O 757,  
c/o Postmaster, New York, N. Y.  
Attention:  
G Y A Section, O P O T Division

Several other plans are now being developed for an exchange of correspondence and also on a large scale. These plans will be brought to the attention of all State club leaders as soon as the organization for each is completed.

#### GRATEFUL LETTERS RECEIVED

Typical of some of the letters received in response to gifts sent are the following from representatives of German youth. These letters, received by Connecticut 4-H Clubs, indicate that new bonds of friendship and understanding are being developed - the forerunner of world peace.



Dear Sir:

Having received your wonderful seed-gift, we should like to thank you for all your trouble and expenses you certainly had in sending it to our country. But mainly we want to ensure you that not only packages containing seeds were received but something more: a feeling that our need is understood and that after all the disaster of the last years, there are open hearts in the world. Believe me, sir, this feeling has become quite seldom in our country and it is of no use to shut the eyes before that. And there is the main fact: your merit is not only in sending the seeds which certainly will help in overcoming bad and foodless times, but in showing the sense of cooperation which is so desperately needed and so scarcely found nowadays. In spite of our share in this cooperation being a little one you may be sure that it is there and possibly will show its effect some day. May be it is only fighting the hunger with your means and thereby pulling back the hunger and despair based on red danger from the east.

Dear Sir:

Thank you ever so much for the seed you kindly gave us. You cannot imagine how surprised and glad boys and girls of our Club were, when they heard that they are going to get some seed from the Bremen Jugendamt for their own gardens at home. When we heard an American presented this seed to the Bremen Clubs, we made up our mind to thank you for this nice gift. But that is not all we want to thank you for. Your gift made us believe that there are American people which care for the German Youth, and wished to lend their helping hand. This surely makes us very glad. Thank you with all our hearts for your gift and the faith you gave us.

With best wishes,

Dear Sir:

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts! You have not only helped us wonderfully; we are particularly pleased to see that you have an interest in the young people of Germany and wish them well. We are really happy to have found in you a person who reaches out a helping hand to us across all barriers.

In this feeling of union our group sends greetings to you across the sea, and as "pathfinders" we take leave of you with a hearty "Gut Pfad."

"Give to the world the best you have,  
and the best will come back to you."